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and keep in mind this is only permissive, they do not have to do it,...

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...and so, that's the reason for the amendment.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Then how often does a board of directors of a public power district actually meet?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I think most of them meet monthly, but there's a lot of special meetings. They may meet more often than that. I can't speak to that. I think the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District meets monthly, but they have a lot of subcommittees that meet more often than that; the REAs, I'm sure it varies a lot.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. Now in the...in the actual committee hearings, and I wasn't privy to them, was there...if these public power districts actually do vote to give themselves this 40 percent raise what would be the total cost to the ratepayers? Was there any estimates on that?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't have that number, Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Okay. But if there was this 40 percent raise, presumably that would cause, or could cause, an increase in, not the amount of tax, but probably the amount of rate that you pay for power in this state. Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct, and I think in your case you could take the OPFD board and they would have the authorization to increase their salary by \$4,800, take the number of board members, multiply that, and then their per diem can go from \$2,000 to \$2,800 a year. That would give you a pretty good idea. I would assume that would be rather insignificant for OPFD board members.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: That's okay. I guess I just have one further question. It looks like down towards the end, on page 6 of the committee amendments that, in addition to this pay raise, it